

CHILDREN'S SECTION

YOUTH EMERGENCY TELEPHONE REFERRAL NETWORK PROGRAM

Program Description

The Youth Emergency Telephone Referral Network Program was designed to connect youth in need of services with appropriate service providers. The hotline provides a non-threatening, toll-free telephone number easily accessed by runaway and homeless youth seeking assistance anywhere in the state. The referral service connects youth with available local resources essential to their well-being such as food, shelter, counseling, outreach services, medical, and transportation. The program also serves as a message center for runaway youth who wish to communicate with their parents.

Eligibility

The California Coalition for Youth- -Sacramento is the only eligible applicant.

Legislation authorizing the Youth Emergency Telephone Referral Network Program used specific language for the type of agency to be funded which is to be based in Sacramento, California. The California Child, Family, and Youth Coalition (now California Coalition for Youth) was the only agency funded after the first competitive Request for Proposal process in 1987. The program has remained noncompetitive since.

Authorized By

AB 3075 (Chapter 1614, Statutes of 1984)/California State Legislature. Legislation authorizing the Youth Emergency Telephone Referral Network Program used specific language for the type of agency to be funded which is to be based in Sacramento, California

Fund Source and Amount

State General Fund - \$ 114,000

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Non Competitive - July 1, 2009

Additional Program Information

The program has four mandated objectives: provide a 24-hour youth emergency telephone hotline accessible to homeless and runaway youth; provide referrals to appropriate services, including shelter, meals, clothing, counseling, and other services necessary for the well-being of the youth callers; provide crisis counseling by trained volunteers or paid staff; and serve as a message center for runaway youth who wish to communicate with their parents.

How Do I Get More Information

This program is administered by the Children's Section of the Victim and Children's Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-9120.